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Special Arrangements Ordered by the East German Government to Ensure Completion of Reparation Orders in 1952

1. Because of the considerable number of reparation orders for the USSR still outstanding for 1952, the East German Government was obliged to issue special instructions on 19 September 1952, to ensure the completion of these orders by the end of the year.
2. These instructions make Gerhard Ziller, Minister of Machine Construction, Fritz Selbmann, Minister of Mining of Smelting, and Alfred Binz, head of the State Administration for Material Procurement, jointly responsible for arranging priority deliveries of the raw materials needed, taking these away from East German concerns when necessary. Materials not available from East German resources are to be imported and in order to ensure their acquisition, the Ministry of Finance is to put 300,000 DM west at the disposal of the Reparations Office.
3. Arrangements will be made for concerns which are engaged on reparation orders to subcontract parts of them, and in order to encourage these subcontractors to complete orders on time, premiums will be paid by the Reparations Office.
4. Four hundred skilled workmen are to be transferred from East German concerns to two SAG plants, the Ernst Thaelmann plant in Magdeburg and Bleichert und Co. in Leipzig, to assist in completing outstanding reparation orders.
5. Work on ships under construction and in repair at Rostock, Warnemuende, and Wismar will be speeded up. Seven ships are mentioned by name in the latter category. They are as follows:

SOVETSKI SOYUZ
ADMIRAL NAKHIMOV
YURI DOLGORUKI
YAKUTIA
ALEXANDER MOZHAISKI
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Refrigerator No. 3.

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